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COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Brandenburg-Briest AirfieldEVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONTENT 10 August to 8 September 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 7 October 1953REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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☐ 1. Between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on 18 August 1953, there was intensive air activity at Brandenburg-Briest airfield. Temporarily, up to 16 ground attack aircraft were observed aloft. Firing at the area of the field was practiced by gliding aircraft.¹

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☐ 2. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 27 August and 9 September:

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27 August. Between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., there was intensive air activity by ground attack aircraft. A total of 173 landings were counted. At about 5 p.m., parachute jumps were made over the field from a Li-2 [REDACTED]

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The Li-2 repeatedly took off during the exercise. Between 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., diving attacks were made at the field.

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28 August. Individual flights were made by ground attack aircraft. The ceiling was at an altitude of 800 meters. At about 11 a.m., 60 Il-10s [REDACTED] were counted at the field. At about 5 p.m., two transport aircraft landed and taxied toward the flight control building. In front of this building, crates, each 50 x 80 x 140 cm in an air force blue paint, were being unloaded from the aircraft. Each crate was carried by 3 or 4 men.

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29 August. Two Li-2s with crates of the same dimensions arrived at the field.²

31 August. Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., six Il-10s practiced diving at the field. Between 8 p.m. and about midnight, night flying was practiced.

2 to 6 September. No air activity was observed at the field.

7 September. Seven Il-10s made low level attacks at the field between 5 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. Night flying by Il-10s was started at 7:30 p.m. The aircraft headed north one after the other. The first aircraft returned to the field after about 45 minutes. Air activity continued until about 11:30 p.m.

9 September. At 4 p.m., 60 Il-10s with yellow propeller hubs, yellow leading edges on the rudders assemblies [REDACTED]

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- 25X1 [REDACTED] were observed on the dispersal areas in front of the flight control station. At 6:30 p.m., local individual flights were made by Il-10s. At 8 p.m., night flying was started. Three or four aircraft were continuously observed aloft.
- 25X1 3. On 10 August, [REDACTED] Soviet soldiers and German civilians were cutting trees in forest subdistrict (Jagen) 9. Thereupon, [REDACTED] 25X1
 25X1 [REDACTED] the police headquarters in Brandenburg which sent a truck
 25X1 with 9 men for inspection. [REDACTED] the policemen [REDACTED] determined 25X1
 that the Soviet soldiers had knocked the trees over with tanks and that 25X1
 civilians then cleared the timber away. Upon interrogations [REDACTED] 25X1
 at a later date it was learned that the Soviets had been compensated with
 an area, 150 meters square, in Jagen 9 for the release of a factory area
 near the Brandenburg transshipment port. On 20 August, it was determined
 that an ammunition dump was to be established in the area in Jagen 9.
 Excavation work by 40 to 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 with artillery insignia was started about 25 August and still continued
 on 9 September. Work observed indicated that hangars were to be built
 at the eastern and southern edges of the clearing and a guardhouse in the
 northwestern corner. From the deep excavations made, source inferred that
 the buildings were to be provided with very deep cellars. Soviet vehicles
 continuously hauled lime, cement and a total of 30,000 to 40,000 bricks
 to the construction site.³
4. Ten wooden tank dummies were dispersed in a clearing in Jagen 38. All the
 dummies pointed toward the airfield.⁴
5. Trucks [REDACTED] were observed 25X1
 entering and leaving the airfield.⁵
- 25X1 6. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 8 September, take-offs and landings were
 [REDACTED] made by single-engine aircraft and 1 biplane. Two high-wing monoplanes and
 a twin-engine aircraft [REDACTED] were observed at the field.¹ 25X1
7. Motor vehicles observed at the field included trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
 [REDACTED] jeep [REDACTED] and
 25X1 sedan [REDACTED] 25X1 25X1
- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The ground attack regiment at Brandenburg-Eriest conducted
 intensive air activity with about 60 Il-10s.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. When the regiment was stationed at Doeberitz airfield, trucks
 repeatedly hauled crates from Doeberitz artillery equipment park to the air-
 field. The crates measured 120 x 150 x 180 cm and probably contained model
 AM 42 engines. As the crates reported were considerably smaller it is assumed
 that they carried supply equipment.
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Jagen 9 is located about 4 km east of the airfield east of
 Goerden Lake. The buildings under construction however, are probably not
 connected with the air force unit.
- 25X1 4. [REDACTED] Comment. Jagen 38 is located just northwest of the east end of
 the runway. The tank dummies observed serve as targets for Il-10s.
- 25X1 5. [REDACTED]

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